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Burmaster announces 2005-06 alternative education grants

Grant program focuses on helping at-risk students succeed

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster recently announced awards of 24 new alternative education grants, totaling \$2 million, designed to help public school districts educate students who are at risk of school failure.

The Wisconsin Alternative Education Program, established in 1999, helps districts address the education needs of students who meet the statutory definition of being at-risk. Selection criteria may include poor attendance, failing grades, discipline problems, drug and alcohol issues, and criminal behavior.

“Alternative education programs play a critical role in helping schools serve the needs of at-risk students,” said Burmaster. “Creative programs that help meet student needs outside of a traditional educational setting can make the difference, helping students succeed in an environment where additional services, teachers, and other resources are available.”

Applications were submitted by 60 school districts. Twenty-four applicants, representing 30 school districts and three consortium projects, were recommended for funding beginning with the 2005-06 school year. Grant amounts varied from \$40,000 to \$95,000, with an average grant of \$83,300. Grant funding is available for five years, with 100 percent funding for the first three years; 60 percent funding in year four, and 40 percent funding in year five.

Local media may wish to contact school administrators directly to learn more about specific projects and proposals funded under these grants. For general information about alternative education programs in Wisconsin, see < <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlsis/let/alted.html> >. The list below includes the recently announced grants as well as all current continuing alternative education grants in Wisconsin.

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Alternative Education Grants

Districts or CESAs with an asterisk * are acting as fiscal agents for the consortium listed below their name.

2005-06 Grant Awards

Bayfield	\$ 90,000
Berlin	85,000
Boyceville	40,000
CESA 9*	55,000
Antigo	
Elcho	
Mosinee	
Phelps	
Fond du Lac	95,000
Hartford Union HS	90,000
Janesville	95,000
Kettle Moraine*	90,000
Palmyra-Eagle	
Oconomowoc	
Kiel	65,000
Menominee Indian	80,000
Middleton-Cross Plains	95,000
Neenah	95,000
Nekoosa	70,000
New London	90,000
Park Falls	65,000
Phillips*	80,000
Prentice	
CESA 12	
Plymouth	90,000
Racine	95,000
Sheboygan Falls	85,000
South Milwaukee	90,000
St. Francis	95,000
Sun Prairie	95,000
Tomah	90,000
Wisconsin Rapids	80,000

Continuing Grants 2004-05

Arrowhead Union
Campbellsport
Clintonville
Dodgeland
Ellsworth
Hayward
Hustisford
Kewaunee
Laona
Oconto Falls
Portage
Riverdale
Sparta
Weyauwega-Fremont

Continuing Grants 2003-04

Augusta
Beaver Dam
Burlington
Delavan-Darien
Durand
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau*
Arcadia
Blair-Taylor
Kewaskum
Madison
Mellen
Mercer
Mishicot*
Manitowoc
Reedsville
Two Rivers
Valders
Mukwonago
North Fond du Lac*
Lomira
Mayville
Oakfield
Rosendale-Brandon
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton
Princeton*
Montello
Sauk Prairie
Sevastopol
Shorewood
Verona
Watertown *
Johnson Creek
Waterloo
Westfield
Whitewater
Winneconne
Winter
Wrightstown